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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of SCOUTEN et al )  
Serial No. 10/036,231 ) Examiner:  
Filed December 24, 2001 ) Group Art Unit:

**TITLE: STEREO TAXIC MANIPULATOR WITH RETROFITTED LINEAR SCALES  
AND DIGITAL DISPLAY DEVICE**

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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL  
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Applicant hereby requests that the above-identified application be given "special" status, to allow expedited examination.

This request is based on infringing manufacture of the patent-pending device by a competing company. Sales of the device have been extremely good since it was announced, and the Applicant's contacts within the industry have clearly indicated that at least one competing company is moving as quickly as possible to manufacture and sell a copy-cat product. The apparent goal of the competing company is to sell as many copies as possible before a patent is issued to Applicant.

The Applicant and undersigned attorney hereby assure the PTO

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that they will cooperate in every manner possible with expedited examination, and an Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted today. The only items cited in that Information Disclosure Statement are (i) US patent 6,258,103 (Saracione 2001), and (ii) a sales brochure which lists and illustrates various stereotaxic holder devices that are commercially available from Cartesian Research Inc. (Sandy, Oregon).

The PTO is hereby authorized and requested to deduct the petition fee of \$130 from the undersigned attorney's deposit account, 50-1007.

If any questions arise, please call the undersigned attorney at 314-822-8558.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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